GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POULTRY PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a representation from the Tamil Nadu Poultry Farmers` Welfare Association highlighting the plight of the broiler industry because of the removal of Quantitative Restrictions on poultry products; and

(b) the steps being taken to save the Indian broiler industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The following steps have been taken:

(i) The custom duty on import of poultry meat has been enhanced from 35% to 100% to protect the broiler domestic producer.

(ii) Ministry of Commerce has formulated various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for poultry products for export promotion and market development of poultry products and air freight subsidy on export of hatching eggs.

(iii) Department of Food Processing Industries is implementing a scheme for Development of Poultry and Egg Processing under which financial assistance is provided to Cooperatives, Non Government Organisations, Public Sector Undertakings, Joint Sector Projects and Private Sector.